THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) during the last ten years, CBI has filed charge sheets in 6193 cases, out of which 578 cases ended in acquittal for want of evidence.

(b) During this period, CBI has filed charge sheets in 24 cases against Central Ministers and in 31 cases against State Government Ministers. Out of these, 5 cases against Central Ministers and 1 case against State Government Minister have been disposed of from trial.

Out of the remaining 49 cases, 15 cases are pending trial for more than 5 years and 34 cases for less than 5 years. In 18 cases, charges have been framed while in 31 cases, charges are yet to be framed. Out of these 31 cases, 6 cases are more than 5 years old.

In one case pending over 5 years, 3 charge-sheets were filed. In its order on one of the charge-sheets, the trial court had observed that it was a case of misjoinder of charges and joint trial could not continue. The trial court had directed to split the file separate charge-sheets in relation to separate offences of accused person. CBI has gone in revision in Delhi High Court against that order.

Civil Infrastructure in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh

1622. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have now decided to build civil infrastructure in the Tawang District in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are Government's plans; and

(c) what further steps are being taken for the construction of roads and other developmental activities in the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) To meet the special needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international border, the Government is funding the Border Area Development Programme under which funds are provided to the States having international land borders, as special Central assistance for execution of approved schemes on a 100% grant basis. Schemes which address

inadequacies relating to strengthening of social infrastructure, filling up of critical gaps in road network etc. are taken up under the programme. These are chosen and executed by the concerned State Government.

During the year 2003-04, a sum of Rs. 13.51 crores has been allocated to Arunachal Pradesh for the development of Border areas, including Tawang District, under the Border Area Development Programme.

Growing clout of terrorists in Manipur

†1623. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAS and other officers in North-Eastern State of Manipur have surrendered before the so-called courts run by the terrorists;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether this kind of action by the officers reflects the growing clout of terrorists;

(d) if so, the steps are being taken by Government to provide security and relief to the Government officials and masses against the fear of the terrorists; and

(e) whether Government propose to make efforts to bring these terrorists into the mainstream of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) There have been some isolated instances wherein militants have been coercing the general public and State Government officials to obey their dictates. The Government of Manipur has been advised to strengthen the security to prevent recurrence of such instances.

(d) Central Government has been providing assistance to North Eastern States which *inter alia* includes deployment of Army and Central Paramilitary Forces, coordinated action by security forces for counter insurgency operations, modernization/upgradation of State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure and declaration of militant organizations as 'unlawful associations'.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.